

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Original) A method of finding a face in a binarized image by comparing the dot group of the binarized image with the dot group of a face model, the face model being subjected to multiple two-dimensional transforms in order to locate the face model in the binarized image, and the dot groups of the binarized image and the face model being compared on the basis of the Hausdorff spacing between the dots of the dot groups and a position of a face in a binarized image is found when a measure derived from the Hausdorff spacing fails to reach a limit value.

2. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the binarized image is derived from the original image by means of edge extraction.

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9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the binarized image first is compared on a small scale with a face model of corresponding small size, the area of the binarized image in which a face was found is enlarged and compared once again with a face model of corresponding larger size, the enlarging and comparing of the binarized image area and face model are repeated, as the case may be, until the face in the binarized image was localized with sufficient accuracy.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the binarized image first is compared on a small scale with a face model of corresponding small size, the area of the binarized image in which a face was found is enlarged and

compared once again with a face model of corresponding larger size, the enlarging and comparing of the binarized image area and face model are repeated, as the case may be, until the face in the binarized image was localized with sufficient accuracy.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein different face models with different resolutions are used depending on the size of the binarized image.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein different face models with different resolutions are used depending on the size of the binarized image.

13. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the binarized image is derived from the original image by means of edge extraction and, wherein the edge extraction for deriving the binarized image from the original image is carried out with different resolutions depending on the size of the binarized image.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the edge extraction for deriving the binarized image from the original image is carried out with different resolutions depending on the size of the binarized image.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the binarized image is derived from the original image by means of edge extraction and, wherein the edge extraction for deriving the binarized image from the original image is carried out with different resolutions depending on the size of the binarized image.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the edge extraction for deriving the binarized image from the original image is carried out with different resolutions depending on the size of the binarized image.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the face model and/or the binarized image are rotated and different steps of the rotation are used depending on the size of the binarized image.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the face model and/or the binarized image are rotated and different steps of the rotation are used depending on the size of the binarized image.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the face model and/or the binarized image are rotated and different steps of the rotation are used depending on the size of the binarized image.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the face model and/or the binarized image are rotated and different steps of the rotation are used depending on the size of the binarized image.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the face model and/or the binarized image are rotated and different steps of the rotation are used depending on the size of the binarized image.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the face model and/or the binarized image are rotated and different steps of the rotation are used depending on the size of the binarized image.

23. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the face model and/or the binarized image are rotated and different steps of the rotation are used depending on the size of the binarized image.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the face model and/or the binarized image are rotated and different steps of the rotation are used depending on the size of the binarized image.

25. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein in the Hausdorff measure is determined on the basis of the average value of a certain percentage of the smallest minimum Hausdorff spacings, the percentage being between 0% and 100%.

26. (Previously Presented) A system for implementing the method as claimed in Claim 1, comprising a computing device for calculating the Hausdorff spacing and the Hausdorff measure on the basis of the dots of the binarized image and the face model.

27. (Previously Presented) A system for implementing the method as claimed in claim 25, comprising a computing device for calculating the Hausdorff spacing and the Hausdorff measure on the basis of the dots of the binarized image and the face model.